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DARKEST OF DAYS



MATURE 17+



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THE WAY



IT'S MEANT TO BE PLAYED

INSTALLATION

Insert the installation disc of Darkest of Days into your DVD drive. After a few seconds the AutoRun Menu will appear. Click Install to begin the installation process. If the AutoRun Menu does not appear, you may have AutoRun disabled. Double-click on the My Computer Icon on your desktop. Open the DVD-ROM drive where the Darkest of Days DVD is located to run the installer. If you need more information see the Help Files located on the DVD.

Latest Information

You can find the latest information about the game at the game website:

<http://www.darkestofdays.com>

Darkest of Day's utilizes and will install the following additional software required to run the game: NVIDIA PhysX System Software v9.06.16 or newer and OpenAL audio drivers and Microsoft Visual Studio 2005 C++ runtime libraries.



MAIN MENU

New Game
Load Game
Controls
Settings
Credits

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Exit

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New Game: Select this option to start a new game.

Load Game: Select this option to open the Load Game Menu.

Controls: Select this option to open the Game Controls Menu.

Settings: Select this option to open the Player Settings Menu.

Credits: Select this option to view the game credits.

Exit: Select this option to exit the application and return to Windows.



LOAD SAVED GAME MENU



The game will automatically quick-save progress at checkpoints throughout the game. All saves are sorted by date and time, with the most recent saves at the top of the list. There is an additional column of information following the date and time to indicate if a quick-save is the start of a level.

To Load a saved game, click on the game you wish to load and then click Load to start the loading process.



CONTROLS MENU



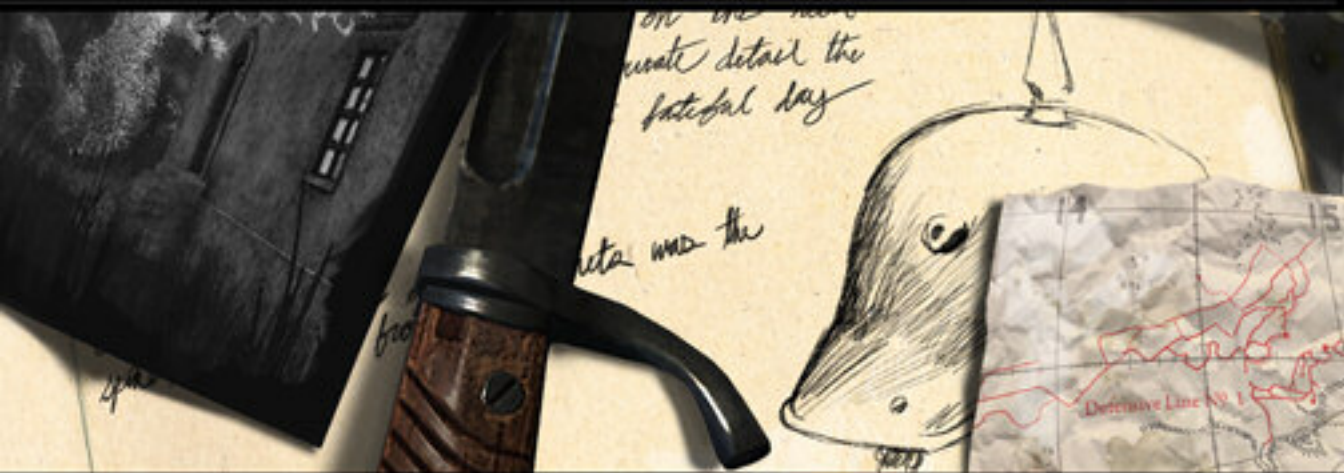
The Controls Menu allows players to customize the keys used to trigger actions in Darkest of Days. Set up for Xbox 360 gamepad controllers can also be assigned in this menu.

Look Sensitivity: changing this slider will increase the responsiveness of the mouse to movement.

Flip Vertical: Selecting this checkbox will reverse how mouse or gamepad input affects looking up and down

Flip Horizontal: Selecting this checkbox will reverse how mouse or gamepad input affects looking left and right

Use Xbox 360 Controller: Selecting this option will enable Xbox 360 controller and gamepad support .



KEYBOARD CONFIGURATION

You can reconfigure the default settings to fit your game play preferences.
The Default settings are:

Movement Commands	Default Key Mapping
Forward	.W
Back	.S
Move left	.A
Move Right	.D
Crouch	.Left Ctrl. Key
Sprint	.Left Shift Key
Jump	.Space
Use	.E
Primary fire	.Left Mouse Button
Secondary Fire	.Right Mouse Button
Select Weapon	.Mouse Wheel Scroll Down
Select Chasers	.Mouse Wheel Scroll Up
Throw Grenade	.G
Reload	.R
Melee Attack	.Middle Mouse Button (press)
Map	.TAB
Take screenshot	.F12

To bind input to a game action click on the name of the action and press the keyboard key, mouse button, or gamepad button you want associated with it.



SETTINGS MENU



The Game Settings Menu allows players to customize their play as desired.

Game Difficulty: A Drop down menu where the players can select a preferred level of challenge. Options are: **Easy:** For players new to first person shooter games, **Medium** (default): For players with some experience playing FPS games, **With Chest Hair:** For players seeking a challenging game play experience.

Language: A Drop down menu where player can select their language preference. English (default), French, Spanish, German, Italian or Russian. *Changing this requires restarting the application.*

Aim Reticule: Changes the type of aiming reticule, Circle with Dot (default), Circle, Crosshair with Dot, Crosshair, T-shape, T-shape with Dot, Dot Only or None

HUD Color: Use this drop-down menu to change the color of the on screen HUD, in-game text and the reticule: Orange (default); Blue; Grey; Green; Violet

Audio Settings: **Master Volume:** Drag this slider to adjust the overall volume of the game. **Sound Volume:** Drag this slider to adjust the overall volume of sound effects, speech, and music in the game. **Music Volume:** Drag this slider to adjust the volume of the music only.

Video Settings:

Resolution: Use this drop-down menu to select the on-screen resolution. The game runs in both full-screen or windowed mode. Changing this requires restarting the application. detail will improve game performance but reduce visual quality.

Graphic Details: You can adjust the level of graphics detail and complexity to match your hardware's capabilities. If you are experiencing slow game play, or poor frame rate, selecting a lower level of detail will improve game performance but reduce visual quality. Options available are: low, Medium, High and Very High.

Full Screen: Check this box to play the game in full-screen mode or uncheck it to play in windowed mode. *Changing this requires restarting the application.*

Low Texture Detail: Check this box to use low quality textures. This feature will lower memory requirements and improve performance at the expense of visual quality. *Changing this requires restarting the application.*

Anti-Aliasing: Use this drop-down menu to select a level of anti-aliasing to reduce jagged edges and generally improve visual quality at the expense of performance. Options available are: None, 2x, 4x, and 8x. *Changing this requires restarting the application.*

Anisotropic Filtering: Use this drop-down menu to select a level of anisotropic texture filtering to improve texture quality at the expense of performance. Options available are: None, 2x, 4x, and 8x. *Changing this requires restarting the application.*

Vertical Sync: Check this box to synchronize the game frame rate with your computer display (v-sync). This feature will fix visual tearing artifacts, usually at the cost of performance. *Changing this requires restarting the application.*

Ambient Occlusion: Check this box to enable the Ambient Occlusion lighting feature. This improves visual quality at great expense to performance and is only recommended for high-end systems. *Changing this requires restarting the application.*

Gamma: Drag this slider to adjust for the apparent brightness of your computer display. For best visual results use the gamma ramp as a guide. The two outlined bars on the ramp should appear as black and very nearly black. Adjust the gamma such that the two bars appear nearly indistinguishable.

Low Texture Detail: Check this box to use low quality textures. This feature will lower memory requirements and improve performance at the expense of visual quality. *Changing this requires restarting the application. This option should be enabled for graphics cards that have less than 256MB of memory.*



PLAYER INTERFACE

Incoming Grenade Indicator: Displays the direction a grenade has come from, the intensity of the indicator shows how close the player is to the grenade.

Damage Direction Indicator: Displays the direction player damage is coming from, the pointer indicates the exact direction of the attack.

Map Updated Prompts: These indicators appear when the player map has been updated. The Map Icon is shown along with the players' key binding for the map.

Chasers Remaining: These indicators show the number of Chasers in the player's inventory.

Weapons Inventory: These icons display the weapons in the player's inventory; the lower, larger weapon is currently equipped.

Weapon Pick-up: As a player approaches a weapon on the ground this prompt appears; along with the players' key binding to pick up weapons. If selected, the picked-up weapon will replace the weapon currently in use.

Total Rounds: This number represents the total number of rounds available in player's inventory for the current weapon.

Grenades Remaining: These indicators show the number of Grenades in the players' inventory.

Current Rounds: Displays the total number of rounds loaded in the current weapon.

Game Saved: This icon appears while the game is saving the current player progress.

Mission Objectives/Game Messages: New player objectives and important in-game speech is shown in the lower center of the screen. The current objective is also shown on the in-game map.



IN-GAME MAP

The in-game map displays important information to the player. The map is shown by pressing the TAB key. To zoom into the portion of the map where the player is located, the player can press their Right Mouse Button.

Current Objectives

Objective Location

Enemy Forces

Player Location & Direction

Friendly Forces



Current Objectives: Are shown at the upper left of the map.

Objective location: This indicator displays the location of the Player Objective(s).

Enemy Characters are marked with small Red dots.

Player location: A grey arrow displays the current player location. The arrow points in the direction the player is facing.

Friendly characters are marked with small blue dots.

Important enemy characters and kill targets are marked by a red circle.

Important friendly characters are marked by a blue circle.

WEAPON RELOADING



When your weapon is out of ammunition a mini-game is used to help determine the speed and accuracy of the reload.

When a weapon is empty or when you start a manual reload; a reload indicator starts moving around the reticle.



A perfect reload occurs when you press the fire button when the reload arc reaches the green area. This will increase the speed of the reload and prevent any possible jamming during reload.



If you press fire too early or too late in the reload mini-game, the bar will turn red showing a failure. When this occurs the reload time is increased and may cause a time delaying jamming of the gun. When a gun becomes jammed it will recover within a few seconds.



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